

NOTE: What appears below does not constitute formal proposed bylaws from the current committee to attain standing committee status. This document appears on the web site of the University Analysis, Reporting and Assessment office. I send it to you as a starting point as to what the committee might propose in an effort to become a permanent committee. Normally, the first effort would come directly from the committee. The Provost asked some time ago that the Senate consider permanent status for this committee. As the semester is rapidly passing, and given the Senate's unanticipated meetings on other issues, I thought that reaction to this document might facilitate this process. Darrell Mullins.

University Academic Assessment Committee

The University Academic Assessment Committee will have the primary responsibility for the development and implementation of a comprehensive University-wide outcomes assessment plan. Specifically, the committee will have the following duties:

- Articulate a coherent plan for university-wide student outcomes assessment
- Articulate a coherent plan for ongoing assessment of the general education Curriculum
- Identify viable assessment processes and instruments that contribute to the development of meaningful assessment plans for academic departments, programs, and activities.
- Assist with departmentally-specific mission statements and help all units develop, implement, and use their individual assessment programs to improve student learning;
- Assist in preparing/editing assessment research reports;
- Promote the development of creative outcomes assessment strategies;
- Help champion the scholarship of learning and assessment as viable professional activity for faculty.

The committee is an ad hoc committee of the Faculty Senate and will maintain a reporting relationship to both the Senate and the Provost.

The composition of the committee will be as follows:

- One faculty member from each school
- The Director of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Accountability or his designee, ex-officio